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PETITION FOR TWO (2) MONTHS EXTENSION OF TIME


Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a), Applicants respectfully petition for an extension of time of two (2) months from the original response date of January 29, 2002 for responding to the outstanding Office Action in the above-identified patent application. With the extension of time, the period for response now extends up to and includes June 29, 2002. A check for \$400.00 is enclosed herewith.

If any charges or credits are necessary to complete this communication, please apply them to Deposit Account 23-3000.

Respectfully submitted,



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